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## Mechanical cervical dislocation assistance device

Poultry often need to be killed quickly on farm for a variety of reasons including the prevention of further suffering in sick or injured birds or for disease control purposes.

The most common poultry culling method is manual cervical dislocation as it requires no equipment. However, its use has been restricted by legislation and some people are cautious to do it for the first time. EC Regulation 1099/2009 also limits the killing

of poultry by manual cervical dislocation to birds under 3 kg and a maximum of 70 birds per person/day.

A new device has been developed to assist people in achieving an effective and repeatable cervical dislocation. The research behind the device was funded by the Humane Slaughter Association and conducted by Dr Jess Martin (RDSVS).

